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From: William Campbell
Sent: Fri 6/17/2016 5:12:31 PM
Subject: RE: Walker River fish testing

Good morning,

On May 9, 2016, I had a conversation with Cynthia Oceguela in her office regarding the potential for heavy metal contamination of the fish in Weber Reservoir. Cynthia had explained to me that a filleted fish was reported to have black material within the body cavity. I suggested to her that it would be a good idea to seek assistance with analyzing the Weber Reservoir fish and if necessary post warning signs for fishermen. Apparently, I had misunderstood parts of the conversation with regard to the timeline and tribal procedure in seeking assistance for fish analysis. I would like to apologize to Cynthia and all of the EPA people who have stepped forward to assist in this endeavor. Any future requests with regard to fish contamination analysis will come directly from representatives of the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

Best regards,

Bill

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Subject: RE: Walker River fish testing

Importance: High

Good Morning to all,

Let's back it up. This is the first that I have heard that I was requesting funds for a study from EPA. This email is five steps ahead of our planning here at Walker River. Please do not take information out of context and use it for your benefit. I have not met with any of the folks mentioned in this email, yet my name is tossed about as though I have a project with you.

The person to contact is Gina Wachsmuth. She handles the 106 grant and her number is listed. We should have a conversation of the various issues here at Walker River with the appropriate staff all in the room. This is very unprofessional and I will not tolerate our tribe being the center of a controversial topic unknowing of the source! You jeopardize very important work we do here at Walker River.

I will cease conversation with you Bill since, your intentions are off base and do not follow our protocols here at Walker River. I highly suggest this action to stop immediately.

Thank you very much,

Cynthia OCEGUERA

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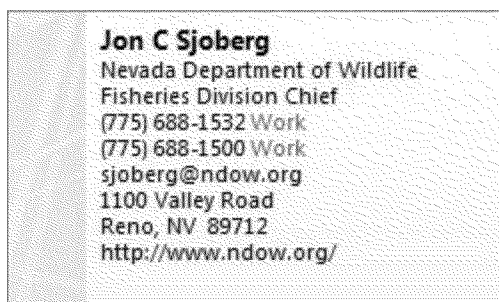
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Hi Stephanie,

Thanks for the timely follow up. The purpose of the study is to determine if there is an issue with the fish flesh and heavy metal contamination in the Weber Reservoir. If the fish population in the Weber Reservoir does have heavy metal contamination the WRPT would like to erect warning signs to warn people fishing. Funding was not the sole purpose for contacting Region 9 EPA, cooperation was also being sought so that the Region 9 EPA laboratory would be made available to analyze the fish flesh from Weber Reservoir. Collaboration is also being sought with a Region 9 EPA laboratory expert for recommendations regarding the volume of fish flesh that should be submitted for analysis. Jon Sjoberg, Fisheries Division Chief, Nevada Department of Wildlife and John Heggeness, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Water Quality Planning Supervisor, are both willing to assist with the study.

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Sent: Friday, June 17, 2016 8:44 AM

To: William Campbell

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Subject: Walker River fish testing

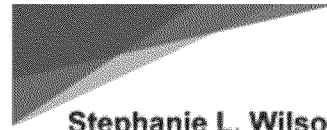
Bill,

I understand that there is a potential issue with fish from Weber Reservoir. As I understand it, Cynthia Osoguero from Walker River Paiute Tribe is looking for funds to assist with fish tissue analysis. Clean Water Act 106 funding to the Tribe could certainly be used for this testing. The Tribal contact for the CWA Section 106 grant is Gina Wachsmuth. I suggest Cynthia talk to Gina about using the CWA 106 funds for the testing. Gina's phone number is 775 773-2002 (I don't have contact information for Cynthia so if you could please pass along this information).

Gina,

If you have any questions about using the grant funding for this activity, please let me know.

Stephanie



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